



Congressman Bud Cramer

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This month, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) celebrated its 75th anniversary. In its 75 years, TVA has changed the economic landscape and quality of life for those who live and work throughout the Valley. TVA is a valuable partner with North Alabama. Not only do we depend on them for utilities, environmental research, and management of the Tennessee River, but TVA also plays a key role in helping recruit new industries to our region.

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News From Washington

This month, Congress passed the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, more commonly known as the Farm Bill. This legislation invests in conservation, energy, nutrition and rural development while continuing and strengthening farm income protection for farmers and producers, including those in North Alabama. One provision of the Farm Bill will fund the construction of irrigation reservoirs on farms throughout the Southeast, including drought-stricken areas in North Alabama.

News From the Fifth District

In late May, Representative Cramer hosted the 2008 Tennessee Valley Corridor Summit at Huntsville's Von Braun Center. There he met with business, government, education and economic development leaders from the technology-rich Tennessee Valley Corridor to promote the region as one of the nation's premier science and technology centers.

"We in North Alabama and the entire Tennessee Valley are working together on common issues and toward common goals," Cramer said. "Here in North Alabama, we have many institutions, companies and capabilities that help us play our part in the success of the region. When we partner and find ways to collaborate with the other districts in the Valley, our opportunities greatly expand."

2008 Washington Update



On May 19-20th, Congressman Cramer hosted members of the Decatur-Morgan County and Huntsville-Madison County Chambers of Commerce for the 2008 Washington Update. During the 2008 trip, the group had the opportunity to hear from administration officials as well as House leadership and Members of Congress from across the country. They also participated in meetings and briefings to discuss issues such as BRAC implementation efforts and economic development in North Alabama.

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